

Grothman	Love	Rohrabacher
Harris	Marchant	Rokita
Hartzler	Massie	Rooney (FL)
Heck (NV)	McCaull	Rothfus
Hensarling	McHenry	Royce
Herrera Beutler	McSally	Salmon
Hice, Jody B.	Messer	Sanford
Holding	Miller (FL)	Schweikert
Hudson	Mooney (WV)	Scott, Austin
Huelskamp	Mulvaney	Sensenbrenner
Huizenga (MI)	Neugebauer	Sessions
Hultgren	Noem	Smith (MO)
Hunter	Nugent	Smith (NE)
Hurd (TX)	Olson	Stewart
Jenkins (KS)	Palazzo	Stutzman
Johnson, Sam	Palmer	Walorski
Jones	Poe (TX)	Weber (TX)
Jordan	Pompeo	Wenstrup
King (IA)	Posey	Westmoreland
Knight	Price, Tom	Wilson (SC)
Labrador	Ratcliffe	Yoder
Latta	Rice (SC)	Young (IA)
Loudermilk	Rogers (AL)	

NOT VOTING—15

Amodei	Fincher	Roe (TN)
Barton	Guthrie	Rush
Black	Hinojosa	Smith (WA)
Blackburn	Lamborn	Speier
Crawford	Long	Yoho

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Messrs. STEWART, SMITH of Nebraska, and RICE of South Carolina changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 110 for passage of McClintock Amendment No. 6, rollcall No. 111 for passage of the Democrat Motion to Recommit, and rollcall No. 112 for final passage of H.R. 749, which took place Wednesday, March 4, 2015, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall No. 110, the McClintock Amendment No. 6, and voted “nay” on rollcall Nos. 111 and 112, against the Motion to Recommit and final passage of H.R. 749.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1213) to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EMMER of Minnesota). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1213

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Office of Compliance Administrative and Technical Corrections Act of 2015”.

SEC. 2. PROCEDURES FOR MEDIATION AND HEARINGS UNDER CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.

(a) REQUIRING MEDIATORS TO BE APPOINTED FROM MASTER LIST.—Section 403 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1403) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “after considering recommendations by organizations composed primarily of individuals experienced in adjudicating or arbitrating personnel matters” and inserting “from the master list developed and maintained under subsection (e)”;

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) MASTER LIST OF MEDIATORS.—

“(1) DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MASTER LIST.—The Executive Director shall develop and maintain a master list of individuals who are experienced in adjudicating, arbitrating, or mediating the kinds of personnel and other matters for which mediation may be held under this section. Such list may include, but not be limited to, members of the bar of a State or the District of Columbia and retired judges of the United States courts.

“(2) CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES.—In developing the master list under this subsection, the Executive Director shall consider candidates recommended by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or the Administrative Conference of the United States.”.

(b) CLARIFICATION OF DEADLINE TO ELECT PROCEEDINGS AFTER END OF PERIOD OF MEDIATION.—Section 404 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1404) is amended by striking “Not later than 90 days after a covered employee receives notice of the end of the period of mediation, but no sooner than 30 days after receipt of such notification, such covered employee” and inserting “Not later than 90 days, but not sooner than 30 days, after the end of the period of mediation, a covered employee”.

(c) NOTIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) MEDIATIONS.—Section 416(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1416(b)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: “, and the Executive Director shall notify each person participating in the mediation of the confidentiality requirement and of the sanctions applicable to any person who violates the confidentiality requirement.”.

(2) HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS.—Section 416(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1416(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “The Executive Director shall notify each person participating in a proceeding or deliberation to which this subsection applies of the requirements of this subsection and of the sanctions applicable to any person who violates the requirements of this subsection.”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to mediations and other proceedings which are first initiated after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL TERM FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE.

Notwithstanding section 301(e)(1) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1381(e)(1)), any individual serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance as of February 28, 2015, may be appointed to serve for one additional term of 2 years.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HOUSE COMMISSION ON CONGRESSIONAL MAILING STANDARDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Members to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards:

Mrs. MILLER, Michigan, Chairman

Mr. LATTA, Ohio

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS, Illinois

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:

FEBRUARY 18, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER, This letter serves as my official resignation from the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. It has been my pleasure serving on this Committee since being elected to Congress.

Best Regards,

FREDERICA S. WILSON,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

HONORING AGENT BRIAN TERRY

(Ms. MCSALLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, Border Patrol unveiled a new statue honoring slain Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry at the Naco, Arizona, border station in my district named in Agent Terry's honor.

The statue, depicted here, shows Agent Terry carrying a member of his Border Patrol tactical unit on his shoulders and is a fitting tribute to a man who loved his job and his fellow agents.

Agent Terry entered the service with the Border Patrol on July 23, 2007. Before that, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and as a police officer in Michigan.

On December 14, 2010, Agent Terry was on patrol with three of his fellow agents in Peck Canyon near Nogales, Arizona, when they came across five

individuals suspected of crossing the border illegally.

The agents approached the suspects and were fired upon, prompting them to return fire. In the gunfight that ensued, two agents were wounded, including Agent Terry. He died from his wounds in the desert later that morning while waiting for medical assistance.

Agent Terry's sacrifice is a constant reminder of the dangers those who defend our homeland face every time they put on their uniform. Their job is to protect our communities, and often, they are the last line of defense against terrorist attacks on our country.

Agent Brian Terry gave the ultimate sacrifice to carry out his duties. Every day, agents like him put everything they have on the line to keep us safe. They deserve everything we have to support them.

THE ASSASSINATION OF BORIS NEMTSOV WAS A REPREHENSIBLE ACT

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the assassination of Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov last Friday in front of the Kremlin was a reprehensible act that demands a thorough and independent investigation.

Mr. Nemtsov was a political leader who had fought for democracy inside the system. His murder took place against the backdrop of Putin's continued suppression of the rule of law, political debate, and human rights in Russia. His murder follows the murder of other critics of Putin's tyranny, Anna Politkovskaya and Sergei Magnitsky.

Today, Putin is rebuilding many of the barriers to individual freedom, democracy, and self-determination that were thought relegated to what President Reagan called the ash heap of history.

As a former chairman of the Helsinki Commission in the final years of the cold war, I witnessed the yearnings of the Russian people not to be bullied through fear and control by their leaders. Vladimir Putin and his henchmen have created a culture of terror for those who oppose his rule and have increasingly isolated Russia from the world.

Congress and the American people must keep speaking out against the erosion of the basic freedoms the Russian people achieved in the 1990s.

This week, Mr. Speaker, the thoughts and prayers of the American people are with the family of Mr. Nemtsov and millions whose hopes and dreams he fought for throughout his life.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was commu-

nicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate having proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 1) "An Act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline", returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the Senate, in which it originated, it was resolved that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senators present not having voted in the affirmative.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THEODORE HESBURGH

(Mr. YOUNG of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Theodore Hesburgh. As the president and public face of the University of Notre Dame for so long, his passing isn't just deeply felt in South Bend, Indiana, but all across our great State.

A lifelong educator, Father Hesburgh spent the vast majority of his 97 years giving lessons that everyone—regardless of age, profession, or station in life—can learn from. A few of those lessons, I think, are especially apt for those of us in this body, chief among them: "The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet."

Too often, those of us in elective office find it easier to blow the horn of opposition rather than committing ourselves to the hard work of developing constructive policies.

As we reflect on his legacy at this time, my hope is that we will all follow the advice that Father Hesburgh exemplified so well throughout the course of his distinguished career and rededicate ourselves to laying out a positive vision and concrete solutions that will move our great Nation forward.

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PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have spent the last week and a half debating funding for the Department of Homeland Security, a debate that started because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle didn't like the President's executive actions on immigration.

House Republicans finally did do what they ought to have done all along: joining with Democrats to pass the bipartisan funds for DHS through Fiscal Year 2015. That legislation has restored certainty for thousands of employees at the Department of Homeland Security; and, even more importantly, it ensures the safety and security of our entire Nation.

Mr. Speaker, while we settled the funding for DHS, we haven't addressed the issues that led us to the impasse in the first place.

Republicans in both the House and the Senate wanted to hinder the President's legal authority to better manage our broken immigration system. They have called it illegal amnesty, and many of their conservative counterparts have gone as far as calling the President a tyrant, but they have not offered any plan of their own.

Today, during this Special Order hour, I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of our Progressive Caucus, to join with my colleague, the Congressman from Arizona, to express our concerns from the Progressive Caucus' perspective on our plans for the future as it relates to immigration.

To that extent, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA).

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from New Jersey for having this opportunity for us to come and talk about the root issue, as she explained, the root issue that caused almost the potential of DHS and that Department having to be shut down because of the amendments added by this House of Representatives to an appropriations bill, a bill that should have been clean.

It was a bipartisan piece of legislation, but amendments were added to it, amendments that were against the President's executive order, amendments that were aimed at undoing any progress that had been made with DREAMers, the DACA, the amendments that were punitive in its entirety, and did not seek any solution to deal with our broken immigration system.

Thankfully, the adults in the House took control. A clean bill was passed with overwhelming and unanimous support from Democrats and with significant support from our Republican colleagues.

That being done, that example should be a harbinger that on "must-pass" legislation critical to the future of this Nation, critical to its tranquility, that we stop playing games with that legislation, and that the track to deal with immigration reform should be a track that we all pursue.